

# BOB FELLER'S

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PRESS RELEASE

"The fact that Bob Feller of the Cleveland Indians can throw a baseball faster than most individuals, or break a curve that cuts a corner of the plate with more than ordinary sharpness doesn't in itself account for the high esteem in which he is held," says Baseball Magazine in its September issue. "The former Iowa farm boy is a fine character in the true sense of the word.

"He is a square-shooting, far-sighted, level-headed individual who is a distinct asset to the game on and off the field," continues the editorial. "As a professional ball player he realizes that he is a public entertainer, and as such is expected at all times to put on the best show of which he is capable. Feller never lets the public down. He might occasionally go to work and not have his stuff and get his ears pinned back, as all pitchers will, but one may rest assured that he is giving everything he has.

"Recently Bob was asked if he wouldn't rather retire a batter on one pitched ball than strike him out on three. By so doing he would save considerable wear and tear on his valuable arm and so, other things being equal, would stand to extend the length of his career. His reply was typical.

"The public paid to see Babe Ruth hit home runs. When a player has gained a reputation in a speciality, the public wants him to deliver in his particular line. And they are paying the player's freight.'

"From this one may gather that Bob, who first jumped into prominence by whiffing batters, is strikeout conscious, and he won't spare himself in trying for them. Incidentally, he might have mentioned that Walter Johnson fanned more batters than any other pitcher in the game, and led the American League in this department twelve years in all, and eight in succession. And the Big Train lasted more than two decades on the main line.

"Feller has booked a barnstorming trip after the close of the season that will extend across the United States. It should prove a tour of good will for Bob will put on a show, not a burlesque. He will pitch as sincerely as if his club were fighting for the American League pennant. That is the only way he operates. That's why he commands the admiration and confidence and respect he does."

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